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In re Application of

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Application No.: 10/585,389

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Attorney's Docket No.: 04-40395-US

For: WHEELS OF UNITARY CONSTRUCTION

AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

DECISION

This decision is in response to applicants' renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.181, filed in the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) on 14 October 2008.

BACKGROUND

On 06 January 2005, applicant filed international application PCT/IN2005/000006, which designated the United States and claimed a priority date of 07 January 2004. A copy of the international application was communicated to the United States Patent and Trademark Office from the International Bureau on 21 July 2005. The thirty-month period for paying the basic national fee in the United States expired at midnight on 07 July 2006.

On 06 July 2006, applicant filed a submission for entry into the national stage in the United States which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, the U.S. Basic National Fee.

On 13 September 2007, the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) mailed a NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 (FORM PCT/DO/EO/905) indicating, *intervalia*, that an oath or declaration of the inventor in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b) was required.

On 13 June 2008, applicants filed a petition under 37 CFR 1.181 to withdraw the abandonment based on failure to receive the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 13 September 2007

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On 15 September 2008, a decision was mailed dismissing without prejudice applicants' petition under 37 CFR 1.181. Specifically, it was noted that the docket report provided was not sufficient.

On 26 September 2008, the DO/EO/US mailed a NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT (Form PCT/DO/EO/909) indicating that the application was abandoned for failure to timely respond to the Notification mailed 13 September 2007.

On 14 October 2008, applicants filed the instant renewed petition which was accompanied by, *inter alia*, a declaration of inventors.

DISCUSSION

If applicants can establish nonreceipt of the NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS, then the application was never abandoned. In such case, the holding of abandonment will be withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.181. See MPEP § 711.03(c), para. I.A. The showing must include: (1) a statement by the practitioner that the Office action was not received by the practitioner; (2) a statement attesting that a search of the file jacket and docket records indicates that the Office action was not received; and (3) a copy of the docket record where the non-received Office action would have been entered had it been received (the docket record must also be referenced in practitioner's statement).

As noted in the decision mailed 15 September 2008, items (1) and (2) have been met.

Item (3) has now been met as well. MPEP § 711.03(c), para. I.A. states that a "copy of the practitioner's record(s) required to show non-receipt of the Office action should include the master docket for the firm. That is, if a three month period for reply was set in the nonreceived Office action, a copy of the master docket report showing all replies docketed for a date three months from the mail date of the nonreceived Office action must be submitted as documentary proof of nonreceipt of the Office action." Such a docket report has been provided.

Declaration of the Inventor

The declaration of the inventor filed 14 October 2008 is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a)-(b).

CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, the petition under 37 CFR 1.181 is GRANTED.

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The NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS mailed 13 September 2007 is VACATED.

For the reasons set forth above, the NOTIFICATION OF ABANDONMENT mailed 26 September 2008 is <u>VACATED</u>.

This application is being forwarded to the National Stage Processing Branch of the Office of PCT Operations to continue national stage processing of the application.

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